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SUBJECT: Records Center Construction - Paper attached - Possible Position attached

1. I believe that you should carefully consider other alleviating possibilities before submitting this paper:

a. The U Street building we looked at has two floors (4th and 5th) yet unleased. It is clearly suitable for our purpose, and the total of 30,000 square feet is exactly the same as the proposed construction. (15,000 square feet would carry us two years, probably.) Of course, it will cost some more OI funds. The first, second, and third floors of this building have been taken by Selective Service and the U. S. ^{*Coast and*} Geodetic Survey for storage purposes.

b. There is another building available on 14th Street near P Street, N. W., formerly operated by the Trew Motor Co., which will also suit the purpose (floor load included). It contains 35,000 square feet.

c. There may be others, these above being casual pieces of information from Kress today.

2. I personally do not recommend our proposed construction at this time, solely because of a visceral feeling about the President's anti-inflationary position with its talk ramifications which might very well descend on us if we went ahead. ~~✕~~ I think it is wiser to spend a few more OI and rental dollars (and not too many, either) for alleviation of our situation [REDACTED] by the interim measure of grabbing off at least one floor of either of the above two buildings or space

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elsewhere as [REDACTED] can dig it up.

3. Clearly because of the Records Center deadline (Sept. 1957) we ought to have the decision promptly. If we rent we could take a one year alleviation by moving the 8,000 cubic feet of NIS material and service it with two people in a removed location. This would leave another 8,000 cubic feet (on one floor) for small NIS increase plus moving another unit or two [REDACTED]

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